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UNCLAS. NOV 12 (PASS TO VOA) LA PRENSA GRAFICA, EL SALVADOR'S HIGHEST CIRCULATION NEWSPAPER, TODAY HIT HARD AT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES FOR MAKING A SHAMBLES OF THE AREA'S COMMON MARKET AND DERIDED THE NUMEROUS HIGH-LEVEL MEETINGS OF CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMISTS FROM WHICH, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY, NOTHING GOOD EVER ENSUES.

ON THE OTHER HAND, LA PRENSA GRAFICA FINDS ITSELF IN COMPLETE ACCORD WITH THE STATEMENT MADE BY THE WORLD BANK PRESIDENT, ROBERT S. MCNAMARA, THAT THE CENTRAL AMERICAN COUNTRIES MUST LEARN TO HELP THEMSELVES IN ORDER TO BE HELPED BY FOREIGN AID, AND THAT A CENTRAL AMERICA UNITED WEIGHS MORE THAN FIVE FRAGMENTED COUNTRIES.

IN FACT, MR MCNAMARA WAS SAYING, AT A MEETING OF CENTRAL AMERICAN ECONOMIC MINISTERS, IN SAN JOSE, THAT THE WORLD BANK IS MORE INTE-

RESTED IN SUPPLYING FINANCIAL AID TO CENTRAL AMERICAN JOINT PROJECTS IN OPPOSITION TO THE IDEA OF BILATERAL ASSISTANCE. LA PRENSA GRAFICA SAID IN PART:

"EL BANCO MUNDIAL ES UNA PODEROSA FUENTE DE FINANCIAMIENTO QUE NO HA PODIDO SER ADECUADAMENTE APROVECHADA POR LOS PAISES CENTROAMERICANOS. Y UNA DE LAS RAZONES PARA ELLO ES LA QUE LES EXPUSO EL SR MCNAMARA, AL INFORMARLES QUE LA INSTITUCION QUE EL PRESIDE SE INCLINA POR UN FINANCIAMIENTO DESTINADO A PROYECTOS CONJUNTOS PARA APOYAR EL PROCESO DE DESARROLLO INTEGRADO...

ZMALECCIONADOR ES EL COMPORTAMIENTO DEL PRESIDENTE DEL BANCO MUNDIAL. EN POCAS PALABRAS, MCNAMARA ESTABA INVITANDO A LOS... FUNCIONARIOS REGIONALES, A CONSEGUIR RESULTADOS CONCRETOS EN EL CAMPO DE LA INTEGRACION. ESTABA DICIENDOLES QUE CENTROAMERICA PESA MUCHO MAS UNIDA QUE SEPARADA.

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"EL SECRETARIO EJECUTIVO DEL CONSEJO NACIONAL DE COORDINACION Y

PLANIFICACION ECONOMICA (DE EL SALVADOR), ANTILIO VIEYTEZ....AFIRMA QUE MCNAMARA PRACTICAMENTE RECOMENDO (A LOS PAISES DEL ISTMO) 'A QUE NOS AYUDEMOS NOSOTROS PARA ASI NOS PUEDAN AYUDAR.' UNA RECOMENDACION QUE DEBERIA MERECER UNA DETENIDA CONSIDERACION POR PARTE DE TODOS CUANTOS SE PREOCUPAN POR EL DESARROLLO INTEGRAL DE CENTROAMERICA.

"BIEN HA HECHO EL SR. VIEYTEZ EN RECORDAR LA ADVERTENCIA O RECOMENDACION DEL PRESIDENTE DEL BANCO MUNDIAL. SE TRATA DE UNA RECOMENDACION QUE CUENTA CON LOS CONOCIMIENTOS, EXPERIENCIA Y ALTA POSICION DEL QUE LA HACE."

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